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Applicant: Kenji Ikeda et al.  
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**PETITION FOR AN UNINTENTIONALLY-DELAYED CLAIM TO PRIORITY  
FROM AN EARLIER-FILED APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions the U.S. Patent Office to accept a claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 120 to earlier-filed, copending U.S. Patent Application 09/740,927. The present application claims the status of continuation-in-part of 09/740,927. The reference required under 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(2) accompanies this petition in the form of an amendment to the specification.

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(A) The surcharge of \$1370.00 under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(t) accompanies this petition.

(B) The entire delay between the date that the claim was due (November 21, 2003) and the date that this claim is being filed (December 28, 2004) was unintentional.

Respectfully submitted,

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